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C O N F I D E N T I A L ANTANANARIVO 1171

E.O. 11652:GDS  
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SUBJECT: SOVIET/MALAGASY ECONOMIC RELATIONS

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1. THE AMOUNT OF TIME IT TOOK VISITING SOVIET DELEGATION TO  
NEGOTIATE AN AID AGREEMENT (REFTELS) DID NOT ESCAPE NOTICE  
HERE, AND VARIOUS THEORIES HAVE BEEN ADVANCED TO EXPLAIN IT.  
GERMAN EMBASSY BELIEVES IT HAS MOST RELIABLE EXPLANATION  
WHICH IS REPORTED BELOW.

2. TWO SOVIET DEMANDS GAVE MALAGASIES TROUBLE: (A) REPAYMENT  
OF LOAN IN CONVERTIBLE CURRENCY AND (B) INSISTENCE THAT THEY  
BE AUTHORIZED TO DRAW UP "METALLOGENIQUE" MAP FOR WHOLE  
COUNTRY. REPAYMENT ISSUE WAS NEVER SETTLED, AGREEMENT DID  
NOT MENTION IT, AND SOVIET DEMAND IS NOW BEFORE PRESIDENT  
RATSIRAKA FOR DECISION. PRESUMABLY, THE TERMS COULD BE SET  
FORTH IN THE SEPARATE PROJECT AGREEMENTS WHICH MUST NOW BE  
NEGOTIATED. ON EXTENT OF METTALOGENIQUE SURVEY, MALAGASY  
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PREFERENCE FOR A PILOT PROJECT PREVAILED, AND AREA  
CHOSEN IS IN NORTH OF COUNTRY AROUND THE TOWN OF ANDAPA.  
GERMAN EMBASSY ALSO BELIEVES THAT POSSIBLE SOVIET CEMENT  
PLANT PROJECT HAS NOW BEEN ABANDONED IN VIEW OF GERMAN/

IBRD PROJECT FOR PLANT AT TULEAR. SOVIET AMBASSADOR EXPLAINED TO US THAT CEMENT PLANT WAS AT TOO PRELIMINARY AND TENTATIVE A STAGE TO BE INCLUDED IN THE PRESENT AID AGREEMENT. THE GERMANS DO NOT BELIEVE, AS OTHERS DO, THAT DELAY MIGHT HAVE BEEN CAUSED BY SOVIET DEMANDS FOR ACCESS TO MALAGASY PORTS FOR ITS INDIAN OCEAN FLEET.

3. AEROFLOT FLIGHTS, WHICH WERE SUPPOSED TO BEGIN ON JUNE 6, HAVE NOT STARTED. REPORTEDLY, THIS IS DUE TO DIFFICULTY IN GETTING CAIRO LANDING RIGHTS. BARRETT

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